

New law adds home service life as a line of insurance for which an insurance agent may qualify for a license.

New law provides that an applicant for a license to represent a home service insurer shall be exempt from the necessity of a written exam. Deletes prior law exempting from such examination those applicants for licensure to represent insurers who sell a combination of ordinary and industrial life, health, and accident insurance of which more than 50% of the premium income is from industrial insurance. Also deletes prior law authorizing the commissioner of insurance to issue a temporary license for a combination insurer.

New law requires the commissioner to grant authority to act as a home service life insurance agent to an applicant beginning on the date of the mailing of the license application and ending on the denial or issuance of a permanent license. Requires sponsoring insurers to certify the applicant will be primarily engaged in selling and servicing guaranteed life insurance products as provided in the home service marketing distribution system.

New law defines "guaranteed life insurance product" as a policy in which the premiums, face amount of coverage, and nonforfeiture values are guaranteed at issue. Further defines "home service marketing distribution system" as a system in which: 50% or more of the premium income is derived from insurance policies that are sold and serviced by agents visiting in the home of the insured; the policies are issued on a monthly or more frequent premium payment basis; and the agent is responsible for collection of the premiums.

New law requires a home service life insurance agent to obtain a life insurance license if his duties exceed those defined by new law.

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(Amends R.S. 22:1114(K)(2)(f) and (M)(2); Adds R.S. 22:1113(A)(2)(a)(xx))